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Parliamentary reply by Mr. Ola Ullsten, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to a question by Mr. Mats Hellström concerning what has been done by the Government to discover the fate of Dagmar Hagelin

Mr. Speaker,

Mats Hellström has asked me what further action the Swedish Government is prepared to take to discover the fate of Dagmar Hagelin.

I have just been informed that an Argentine reply to the Prime Minister's most recent representations concerning Dagmar Hagelin has been received by our Embassy in Buenos Aires. I note with profound disappointment that the Argentine Government is still refusing to assist in clearing up this serious outrage. In its reply the Argentine Government claims that there is no reliable information to the effect that Dagmar Hagelin was arrested by order of the competent authorities.

The truth, however, is this: there is reliable information to the effect that Dagmar Hagelin was seized on the morning of 27 January 1977 by a regular security force and that she was taken to the prison camp at the Naval Engineering School in Buenos Aires. Those who are responsible for imprisoning Dagmar Hagelin and for her later fate are known to the Argentine Government. It is perfectly possible to explain what happened. Notwithstanding, the Argentine Government chooses to turn a blind eye and to deny all knowledge of her fate. This is unseemly and unacceptable.

The Government will now immediately study the Argentine reply in detail and then determine what additional measures should be taken.

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